

December 9, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG RASP Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Shane Dille, Chair, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, January 20, 2005 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG RASP Technical Advisory Committee will be held at the time and place noted above.

Members of the MAG RASP Technical Advisory Committee may attend **either in person or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call 602-261-7510 between 9:55 and 10:00 a.m. After prompting, please enter the meeting ID number 2842 on your telephone key pad followed by the pound key. If you require assistance, please dial 0 after calling the number above.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Call to the Audience

2. For information and discussion.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of July 1, 2004

4. Recommendation of MAG RASP Policy Committee to Request Input from MAG RASP Technical Advisory Committee on an Airspace Analysis

At the October 13, 2004 meeting of the MAG RASP Policy Committee, the MAG RASP Update “Selected Alternative” and a potential airspace analysis of that Alternative were discussed. A representative from the FAA indicated that Regional Aviation System Plans do not usually contain a detailed airspace analysis. He also added that the FAA is responsible for airspace analysis and would not be bound to accept recommendations that were derived from the MAG RASP Update. Other members of the Policy Committee raised issues including: the objective and cost of the airspace analysis, assembling a scope of work, determining the geographic area for which an airspace analysis should be undertaken, and whether the airspace analysis would result in a clear guidance on whether projects in the “Selected Alternative” would pose an airspace conflict. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Chair of the Committee requested that the issue of the airspace analysis be forwarded to the MAG RASP Technical Advisory Committee for input and to help the Policy Committee determine whether such an airspace analysis was feasible. A motion was passed by the MAG RASP Policy Committee to refer the issue to the Technical Advisory Committee for input. The input would be provided at a future meeting of the MAG RASP Policy Committee.

3. For review and approval of meeting minutes of July 1, 2004.

4. For information, discussion and possible action.

5. Public Meeting to Solicit Input on MAG RASP Update Selected Alternative

The MAG RASP Technical Advisory will be asked to provide input and a recommendation on holding public meetings associated with the MAG RASP Update.

5. For information, discussion and possible action.

MINUTES OF THE
MAG REGIONAL AVIATION SYSTEM TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Office
302 North 1st Avenue, Ste. 200, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

July 1, 2004

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shane Dille, Chair, Wickenburg
Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
Jason Hardison, Buckeye
*Don Snyder, Carefree
Greg Chenoweth, Chandler
*Robert Sternfels, Fountain Hills
*** Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend
Brian Townsend, Gilbert
Mark Ripley, Glendale
Cato Esquivel, Goodyear
Kelly McMullen, Maricopa County

Mark Meyers, Mesa
Paul Blue, Phoenix
***Kaza Haque, Queen Creek
Gary Mascaro, Scottsdale
Oddvar Tveit, Tempe
Kim Stevens, Arizona Department of
Transportation
***Richard Dykas, Federal Aviation
Administration
Lt. Colonel Kris Greene, Arizona Air National
Guard
Terry Hansen, Luke AFB

*Neither present nor represented by proxy
** Participated via videoconference
***Participated via audioconference

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Marumaya, Gilbert
Miryam Gutier, Glendale
Alice Bimrose, Phoenix
Christopher Hacker, Phoenix
Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Phoenix
Amber Wakeman, Tempe

Warren Meehan, FAA TRACON
Gerald Pennington, FAA TRACON
Harold Sharp, Deer Valley Tower
George Sullivan, Consultant
Barry Goldwater Jr., Citizen
Tom Remes, MAG
Harry Wolfe, MAG
Pam Keidel, Wilbur Smith

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Shane Dille. Mr. Dille asked the Committee members to introduce themselves.

2. Call to the Audience

Chairman Shane Dille asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to provide input to the MAG RASP Technical Advisory Committee.

Barry Goldwater Jr. indicated that he was attending the meeting as one of the friends of Pleasant Valley Airport with the aim of keeping the airport open and preserving the option of expanding it. Mr. Goldwater explained that once an airport closes it is gone forever. He also indicated that it was important for the aviation plan to take into account surface transportation to the airports.

Mr. Goldwater said that Pleasant Valley has been operating for 25 years, has about 48,000 operations a year and 60 sail planes. He said that pilots don't want to lose their place to land and that there was interest in the aviation community to develop the airport.

Shane Dille clarified the position taken by the MAG RASP Update. He said that Pleasant Valley was included in the MAG RASP in its current operating condition, but expansion was not recommended.

Barry Goldwater Jr. asked whether expansion of the airport could be pursued even if the MAG RASP Update did not include it in its Preferred Scenario. Pam Keidel responded that it still could be pursued. It was noted that if a sponsor for the airport materialized, it could be reconsidered in the update of the RASP.

3. Minutes of May 13, 2004 Meeting of MAG RASP Technical Advisory Committee

It was moved by Brian Townsend, seconded by Terry Hansen and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2004.

4. Revised MAG RASP Update Draft Working Paper #6 - Preferred Scenario

Harry Wolfe commented that at the May 13, 2004 meeting of the MAG RASP Technical Advisory Committee that input had been provided on Draft Working Paper #6. He indicated that the consultant had revised the Working Paper based on comments received and that it had been reissued.

Chairman Shane Dille asked Pam Keidel to summarize the changes that were made to Working Paper #6. Ms. Keidel summarized the changes.

Shane Dille asked for comments from the Committee.

Terry Hansen said that Luke has been a part of Wickenburg's planning process and said that Luke doesn't have a problem with Forepaugh as long as the Base is part of the planning process; and that he didn't have an objection to including Forepaugh in the Preferred Scenario for airspace testing. He said that Luke had concerns about the Pleasant Valley Airport. He said he was concerned about its development in light of the training activities of the 56th fighter wing and in particular instrument approaches at Pleasant Valley. He said he supported a small general aviation airport, but that an expanded general aviation airport with approach would pose a problem.

Lt. Colonel Khris Greene expressed interest in a runway extension at Sky Harbor Airport. He said that new aircraft used by the Guard would require more runway length.

Oddvar Tveit asked about the inclusion of the runway extension. Pam Keidel responded that the extension had been included in the Maximized Development alternative.

Paul Blue clarified Phoenix's position on the runway extension. He said that Phoenix had no plans for an extension of the South runway, but that the airport planned to extend the center runway to 11,000 feet.

Oddvar Tveit noted that the Preferred Scenario focuses its commercial activities upon Sky Harbor Airport and that the additional runway at Williams Gateway Airport was removed. Therefore the only major capacity projects were at Sky Harbor. Mr. Tveit said that he saw the benefit of including the runway for airspace analysis, but expressed concerns about the acceptability of the project.

Mark Meyers commented that before a fourth runway could be constructed it would have to go through a full environmental process.

Shane Dille commented that he appreciated Terry Hansen of Luke AFB coming out to visit Wickenburg. Mr. Dille said that he heard a number of suggested changes to the Preferred Scenario and asked Harry Wolfe to summarize them. Harry Wolfe summarized the changes to the Preferred Scenario as follows:

1. Add Connecting Taxiway Victor at Phoenix Sky Harbor
2. Eliminate the extension of the south runway at Sky Harbor
3. Include a runway extension-taxiway preceding a runway and/or displaced threshold
4. Include Wickenburg Forepaugh Airport

It was moved by Paul Blue and seconded by Kelly McMullen to recommend the Preferred Scenario as amended. The motion carried by a vote of 13-1 with the Tempe representative opposing the recommendation.

5. Public Meeting to Solicit Input on Preferred Scenario

Harry Wolfe asked for input on holding a public meeting to solicit input for the Preferred Scenario. Terry Hansen recommended that holding a public meeting be deferred until September. That would provide adequate time to notify the public of the meeting. Harry said he would pursue that recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.